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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, DECEMBER 15, 1975 (SALT TWO - 878)

1. DRAFTING GROUP AND ITS SUB-GROUP FOR CONFORMING TEXTS MET DECEMBER 15 TO PREPARE WORKING LEVEL JOINT DOCUMENTS IN ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN SHOWING CURRENT STATE OF AGREEMENT. MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE DECEMBER 16. FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS HAVE OCCURRED TO DATE:

2. ARTICLE II (DEFINITIONS): SOVIETS WITHDREW FOOTNOTE WHICH REJECTED US PARAGRAPH 8 (NOW 6: ONCE A MIRV, ALWAYS A MIRV) AS UNACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, US PROPOSAL FOR PARAGRAPH 6 REMAINS BRACKETED BY SOVETS. SOVIETS ALSO DELETED FOOTNOTE WHICH HAD LINKED INCLUSION OF DEFINITIONS IN TEXT OF AGREEMENT TO SUBSTANCE OF DEFINITIONS.

3. ASMS (ARTICLES II, III, VI, IX): KARPOV SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT NOW FOR SOVIETS TO REPLACE THEIR LANGUAGE IN AGREEMENT ON AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES WITH ACRONYM "ASMS" SINCE SUCH QUESTIONS WERE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND THEIR RESOLUTION WOULD RELATE TO POSSIBLE FORMULATIONS IN JDT.
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4. MIRV VERIFICATION (ARTICLE V.3, PROTOCOL): SOVIETS SLIGHTLY MODIFIED THEIR FOOTNOTES, WHICH REJECT AS UNACCEPTABLE ARTICLE V.3 AND THE PROTOCOL, TO STATE THAT THESE RESPECTIVE PROVISIONS "WERE REJECTED ON MARCH 27,1975" VICE "ARE REJECTED."

5. ARTICLE VIII (240SLBM LIMIT): KARPOV FORMALLY WITHDREW ARTICLE VIII. IT WAS AGREED THAT NUMBERING OF SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES WILL BE CHANGED ACCORDINGLY.

6. ARTICLE X(C) (BALLISTIC MISSILES ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES): KLOSSON DISCUSSED RATIONALE FOR US FOOTNOTE WHICH PROPOSES IT BE UNDERSTOOD THAT BAN ON BALLISTIC MISSILES ON WATERBORNE VEHICLES OTHER THAN SUBMARINES IS NOT INTENDED TO AFFECT CURRENT PRACTICES OF EITHER SIDE FOR TRANSPORTING BALLISTIC MISSILES. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, KLOSSON EXPLAINED THAT "TRANSPORTING" MEANT CARRYING A BALLISTIC MISSILE FROM ONE POINT TO ANOTHER FOR INSTALLATION OR POSSIBLE STORAGE AT THAT SECOND POINT. KARPOV WONDERED IF MEANS OF TRANSPORTING WOULD BE SUCH THAT WOULD EXCLUDE ANY VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION. KLOSSON AGREED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT FURTHER, NOTING INTER ALIA RELEVANCE OF US PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE LAUNCHERS IN PROHIBITION.

7. ARTICLE XIV (NON-TRANSFER): SOVIETS PROPOSED COMMON UNDERSTANDING "THAT PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XIV REFER TO THE ARMS COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT."

8. ARTICLE XVI (FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS): SOVIETS TABLED TEXT OF PROPOSAL MADE PRIVATELY BY SEMENOV ON AUGUST 29 (OBLIGING SIDES TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS IN 1977, BUT MAKING ONLY GENERAL REFERENCE TO POST-1985 QUESTION (A-989).

9. ARTICLE XX (ENTRY INTO FORCE): SIDES AGREED AD REFERENDUM ON FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: "THIS AGREEMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DAY OF THE EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF APPROVAL ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES OF EACH PARTY. IT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FROM OCTOBER 3, 1977, EXCEPT THAT SPECIFIC PROVISIONS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, AS AGREED BY THE PARTIES, SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS AGREEMENT. THIS
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AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1985, UNLESS REPLACED EARLIERS BY AN AGREEMENT FURTHER LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE
ARMS."

10. KARPOV GAVE KLOSSON AN "UNOFFICIAL" DRAFT PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT WHICH LEAVES SPACE FOR LISTING OF PROVISIONS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THOSE OF INTERIM AGREEMENT,

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